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In re application of:

WANG et al.

Application No.: 09/870,353

Filed: May 30, 2001

For: IMPROVED NUCLEIC ACID
MODIFYING ENZYMES

Examiner: Richard Hutson

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT UNDER §1.48(b) TO
DELETE INVENTORS

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Sir:

Please amend the inventorship for the above-referenced application as follows:

Please delete the names of Lei Xi and Dennis E. Prosen, who were correctly named as inventors when the application was filed, but who are not inventors of the subject matter now being claimed.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b), Applicants hereby petition to delete Lei Xi and Dennis E. Prosen as inventors of the above-referenced application. Drs. Xi and Prosen were correctly named as inventors in the application as filed. However, the amendment filed July 10, 2003, canceled claims 1-14. Drs. Xi and Prosen were inventors only of the subject matter of the canceled claims. Currently, therefore, fewer than all of the originally named inventors are actual inventors of the subject matter now claimed in the application.